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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 24, 2006

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Superintendents, Public Universities and Community Colleges, Public School Academy Authorizers and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Joann Neuroth, Manager, Public School Academy Program

SUBJECT: 2006-2007 Charter School Planning/Implementation Grant Program – Twelfth Cycle and 2006-2007 Charter School Dissemination Grant Program – Twelfth Cycle Informational Meeting on April 10, 2006

The Public School Academy Program of the Michigan Department of Education will provide an informational meeting regarding the competitive application process for grant awards under the Planning/Implementation and Dissemination Grant Programs. The meeting will be held **Monday, April 10, 2006**, at:

**University Preparatory Academy
High School Campus
(Meeting will be in classroom building with purple pillars at 5950 Third Avenue on the campus complex between Second and Third Avenues)
600 Antoinette
Detroit, Michigan 48202**

A link showing the location of the building may be found at this [hyperlink](#).

Planned Agenda:

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Planning/Implementation Grant Program
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch (if planning on staying for lunch, please confirm with Kim Sidel at 517-373-3345)
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dissemination Grant Program

Charter school developers and other interested applicants planning to open a charter school for the 2006-2007, or 2007-2008, school years should attend the morning session on the Planning/Implementation Grant Program.

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Planning/Implementation grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Successful applicants may receive awards of up to \$150,000 for up to three (3) years, depending upon the availability of funds received by the State of Michigan from the United States Department of Education. Applications for the Planning/Implementation Grant will be available on the Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS) in June.

Persons considering applying for the Dissemination Grant Program should attend the afternoon session. The purpose of this part of the grant program is to provide funding on a competitive basis for public school academies that have been in operation for at least three (3) consecutive years, have not received a Dissemination Grant in the past, and have demonstrated overall success including:

- substantial progress in improving student achievement;
- high levels of parent satisfaction; and
- the management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving, financially viable charter school.

Dissemination Grant funds totaling \$800,000 may be made available for activities consistent with the grant program criteria. The amount of individual grant awards will depend upon the number and quality of the proposals received, the amount of funds requested and the recommendations of the grant reviewers and the Michigan Department of Education. The purpose of this grant is to fund proposals that will support activities that improve public schools or open new schools (including public charter schools) and share the lessons learned by charter schools with other public schools. Successful applicants must have data demonstrating that currently implemented programs succeed as best or promising practices and must use the funds, if awarded, to share with another school. Grantees may receive up to two (2) years of funding through this grant. Applications for the Dissemination Grant will be available on the Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS) in July.

If you have questions regarding the Informational Meeting and the grant programs you may contact Greg Olszta at 517-241-4715. Please contact Kim Sidel at 517-373-3345 to confirm your attendance at the meeting and indicate if you will be staying for lunch.